

THORNTON CURTIS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Thornton Curtis Parish Council held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 2024 at 6.30pm in St Lawrence Church

Present:: Cllrs L Maltas (Chair), C Couch (Vic Chair), E Davey, J Farrow, P Grainger, J Hargreaves,
Clerk to the Council Ann Boulton
No members of the public attended

AGENDA

23/24-053. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Davy and Ward Cllrs Clark, Hannigan and Wells.

23/24-054. Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

Cllrs C Couch, J Farrow and P Grainger declared an interest in item 058(i)(a)
Cllr Grainger declared an interest in item items 058(i) and 058(iii)

23/24-055. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd November, 2023

Resolved: To approve the minutes as a true record

23/24-056. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

23/24-057. Police Matters

***Resolved: To write to Barrow PC regarding parking in the disabled bays in Barrow Market Place
There was no neighbourhood watch report but Cllr Davy reported on Countrywatch – police had chased a blue car over Elsham level crossing, whose occupants were believed to have been involved in hare coursing.***

NATS – the latest meeting had been postponed and no new date received as yet.

23/24-058. Village Matters

i. Playing field

a) To discuss tenders received for grass cutting/hedge cutting and select a contractor
Only two tenders were received out of four offered.

Resolved: To accept the lower tender from Chestnut Mowing

b) To discuss official opening of playing field

Cllr Couch reported that the equipment has now been signed off so plans could go ahead for an opening in the spring.

c) Grant applications 2024

i) In Bloom grant

The 2024 grant was specifically for sustainable planting and application had been made for creating a wild flower garden behind the apple trees on the playing field, planting around the seat on Station Road and wild flowers for the wide grass verge on Station Road.

Cllr Davy suggested wild flower mats as opposed to seeds.

Resolved: Cllr Davy will investigate wild flower mats.

ii) To choose piece(s) of equipment for next grant application

Resolved: To apply for a grant for a double swing with one flat seat and one cradle seat. Cllr Couch had been advised to apply in this financial year.

Church

a) Church Floodlighting update

Resolved: To note that the coverings for the lights had not yet been installed.

ii. BCCRP.

Resolved: Unfortunately no-one could attend the last meeting but Cllr Couch reported that new tubs are being supplied for the station platform and she is hoping that BCCRP will pay for plants and compost. In the meantime, bulbs will be planted.

iii. Local Social Media

Cllr Grainger said no-one appears to taken the advice but it is there if needed. There seem to be less adverts now.

23/24-059. Highways & Transport Matters

a) Speed limit/Golden Rivers

The Golden Rivers were down for about two weeks.

Resolved: To find out how the information is used and to pursue the repositioning of the 30mph sign.

Resolved also: To request some 40mph signs on lampposts in Station Road as there are no speed limit signs for some distance.

To be reported: The weight limit sign at the end of Dam Lane has been knocked off and is missing.

There is a deep pothole on Dam Lane that fills with water so is not always visible.

Resolved: To compile a list of highways problems to send to NLC.

There is often standing water coming from the railway at the end of Station Road and this will be reported to Network Rail.

b) Drainage covers

Three of the drain covers on Main Street are cracking and falling away. These are the plastic ones that replaced the stolen metal ones.

Resolved: To report this problem to NLC.

23/24-060. Environmental Issues

a) Thornton Abbey and surrounding area.

Cllr Farrow reported that nothing was being done at the Abbey and the signs for No Overnight Parking had not gone up.

b) Station Road footpath

Weeds are growing through the tarmac even though weedkiller has apparently been put on them. The missing section of tarmac still hasn't been completed. It is estimated that more than a dozen people use that footpath every day.

23/24-061. Correspondence

i. To agree grant application for D-Day events, June 2024 (max grant £250)

Resolved: To purchase poppies for the lychgate and the church wall and to organise a village get-together for a D-Day tea in the Church. The owners of the pub wish to be involved. It was suggested that old bikes and a tank might be available.

ii. To review/update the Community Emergency Plan

Cllr Grainger asked if the Clerk knew the emergency number for NLC to finish off the plan – she will investigate.

iii. To discuss Community Governance documents received from NLC

Resolved: As this is in its early stages, further correspondence will be considered as it arrives.

23/24-062. Accounts & Finance Matters

i) To agree a budget for 2024-25 precept

Resolved: To request a precept of £3000, a small increase on last year.

ii) To note payments made in November and December 2023

Payments		Excl. VAT	VAT	Total
Grove Groundworks	Verges & PROW mowing			565.60
HMRC	Tax/NI			92.60
MD Signs	Dog sign	15.00	3.00	18.00
Clerk	Expenses			29.49
HMRC	Tax/NI (backdated)			111.40
North Lincs Council	Election expenses			937.21
Community room	Room hire			40.00

Account balances as at 15th December, 2023

Community Account = £2178.89 Savings Account = £1597.76 Village Fund = £489.71

Resolved: To note these payments

23/24-063. Planning Matters

Approval

i) Construction of a pond as habitat for Great Crested Newts at Black House, Station Road, Thornton Curtis.

ii) Extension of garage to rear garden and change to an annex, 10-12 Manor Cottage, Main Street, Thornton Curtis

iii) Prior approval not required for a proposed farm office building at Manor Farm, Dam Road, Thornton Curtis

Resolved: To note the approvals.

23/24-064. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 19th March, 2024